



BARNSTABLE DISABILITY COMMISSION

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Barnstable Disability Commission Minutes

August 21, 2019

Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Marc Brunco, Chair; Sarah Nicholson; Vice Chair, Sheila Mulcahy, Paul Logan; Steve Spillane; Tammy Cunningham; and Paula Breagy.

Members Excused: Linda McKinney

Guests: Michael Perry, Highway Division Supervisor and Sabrina Kane.

Public Comment: Sabrina Kane submitted her resignation letter effective 8/16/19. Commissioners wished Sabrina well and thanked her for her years of service and leadership.

Approval of the minutes of July 17, 2019 – Paul Logan moved to approve as amended, Sheila Mulcahy seconded.

Handicap Sign Height Requirements – Mike Perry provided a brief history on the sign shop. Pertaining to signs the Highway division has always followed MUTCD guidelines. Highway division has 8,000 signs in Barnstable. In certain matters, judgement needs to be made particularly with beach egress. While the ADA maintains a minimum of 5 feet and maximum of 8 feet certain instances discretion needs to be made for purposes of public safety. A discussion was had on a decision made by Ruth Weil, Town Attorney, that after careful review the MUTCD for the purposes of handicap parking signage is guidance and we must be in compliance with ADA. Mike Perry stated he is going to start reviewing the signs to make sure they are within the required heights under the ADA. Pertaining to the signs located at West Barnstable Community Building which are hanging above the maximum height requirements under the ADA, Mike Perry stated because there are two signs on the post totaling 30 inches and he is concerned about a person hitting the sign, he is going to have two new signs made which would incorporate the language into one 24 inch sign.

Discussion on surveying town properties and buildings – A discussion was held with the BDC on the need for conducting surveys of all town owned properties and buildings for accessibility. Sheila stated she would like to survey the libraries. A discussion continued on the best approach, survey guide to use, and how to break the project down. A discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Discussion on Posters sub - committee – After review and discussion, Paul Logan made a motion to approve, Marc Brunco seconded.

Financial Report – Current balance is \$90,521.98

Video conferencing – The BDC had a discussion on whether to pursue televising the BDC meetings. Tammy Cunningham is going to check with Sarah Beal on the possibility of televising the meeting and provide an update at next months meeting.

Discussion on amending by laws to include video conferencing and remote participation – Charlie McLaughlin provided an opinion via email on this matter. Charlie opined that under G.L. c 30A, section 20 (e), the BDC does have the authority. The issue needs to be put on an agenda for a regular meeting of the Commission. Once it is on the agenda and properly noticed, the Commission may, by a majority vote, elect to allow remote participation for a specific meeting or for all meetings. Once the vote is on record with the Town Clerk, remote participation is authorized per the vote. Adoption of the Council is not required.

Report from Architectural Access Board variance request sub committee - The BDC is request of a variance request from the Kettle Ho. It is concerning front door access and the vestibule. Sarah Nicholson will review and respond.

Discussion on by laws will be held next month.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission of the Barnstable Disability Commission
is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding
issues of accessibility in accordance with the American's With Disabilities Act (ADA)**